

# 2014 Candidate Elections Frequently Asked Questions

#### What are the 2014 Candidate Election dates?

Primary Election - Tuesday, August 26, 2014\* General Election - Tuesday, November 4, 2014\*

\*Tempe City Charter Sec. 7.01

(b) The primary election shall be held for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for city elected office. In the event that no more than two candidates file nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the primary election may be dispensed with.

(c) If no primary election is required due to the number of candidates filing nomination petitions for each vacancy in office, the regular city election shall be held at the time that the primary election would have otherwise been held.

#### What offices are to be filled?

Three (3) City Council seats

# When does the term of office begin?

The term commences on or after the second Tuesday in January, 2015.

# What is the salary for Mayor or Council?

Mayor \$ 56,064 Council \$ 28,032









#### What are the qualifications for City Council?

- 18 years of age or older at the time of filing nomination papers
- a qualified registered voter of the City of Tempe at the time of filing nomination papers
- a resident of the City of Tempe or an annexed area for at least two years immediately preceding the election

#### When will candidate information and forms be available?

November 2013, in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona. Information will also be placed on the City Clerk's webpage at www.tempe.gov/election.

#### What is the first date that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

April 28, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

## What is the last day that individuals can file candidate paperwork?

May 28, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's Office, 31 E. Fifth Street, Tempe, Arizona

## What candidate paperwork must be filed at the same time?

- Nomination Paper
- Nomination Petitions
- Financial Disclosure Statement

#### How many signatures are required on the nomination petitions?

At least 1,129 and not more than 2,257 signatures of qualified registered voters of the City of Tempe.

## What must I do first if I am interested in engaging in political activity?

- An individual must register as a political committee for each election BEFORE 1) accepting contributions, 2) making expenditures, 3) distributing campaign literature, or 4) circulating petitions.
- Candidates that intend to spend or receive \$250 or less are not required to register a committee.

## What are the deadlines for voter registration?

- July 28, 2014 last day to register to vote in the Primary Election
- October 6, 2014 last day to register to vote in the General Election

#### When does early voting begin?

- July 31, 2014 first day of early voting for the Primary Election
- October 9, 2014 first day of early voting for the General Election

# Who conducts voter registration and early voting for City of Tempe elections?

Voter registration and early voting is conducted by the Maricopa County Elections Department. For further information, please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511, TDD (602) 506-2348 or visit the website at: www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/ elections.aspx. Individuals can also register to vote or update existing registration online at www.servicearizona.com.

# What is the Permanent Early Voting List (PEVL)?

Registered voters may place their name on a Permanent Early Voting List or PEVL. If a voter is placed on the PEVL, an early ballot will automatically be mailed to the voter approximately 26 days prior to the specified election. For further information, please contact the Maricopa County Elections Department at (602) 506-1511, TDD (602) 506-2348 or visit the website at: www.recorder.maricopa.gov/web/ elections.aspx.







#### Where can I find information on Political Committees and Campaign Finance?

Arizona Revised Statutes § 16-901 et seq.

#### What type of Political Committee/Campaign Finance forms do I need to file?

- I intend to receive or spend more than \$500 for each election. File a Statement of Organization. Campaign finance reports must be filed in accordance with campaign finance laws as long as the political committee is active. All committees are subject to late filing penalties. Once a Political Committee Termination Statement is filed, campaign finance forms are no longer required.
- I intend to spend more than \$250 but less than \$500 for each election. File a \$500 Threshold Exemption Statement. Campaign finance reports are not required to be filed. However, you must terminate your committee within 90 days following the election cycle for which your committee was formed, or pay a civil fine in the amount determined by state statute. Your committee must file a Statement of Organization within five business days after exceeding the \$500 limit.
- I intend to receive or spend \$250 or less for each election. You are not required to register a committee unless you receive or spend the amounts provided above.

#### What if I miss a Campaign Finance filing deadline?

A political committee is liable for a late penalty of \$10.00 for each business day a Campaign Finance report is filed late. The City Clerk cannot accept a late report unless it is accompanied by the late penalty.

# What are the Campaign Finance Filing Deadlines and Reporting Periods?

January 31 Report

Filing deadline: January 31, 2014

Reporting Period: November 27, 2012 thru December 31, 2013

Pre-Election Report

Filing deadline: May 16, 2014

Reporting Period: January 1, 2014 thru May 8, 2014

Post-Election Report

Filing deadline: June 30, 2014

Reporting Period: May 9, 2014 thru May 31, 2014

Pre-Primary Election Report

Filing deadline: August 22, 2014

Reporting period: June 1, 2014 thru August 14, 2014

Post-Primary Election Report

Filing deadline: September 25, 2014

Reporting period: August 15, 2014 thru September 15, 2014

Pre-General Election Report

Filing deadline: October 31, 2014

Reporting period: September 16, 2014 thru October 23, 2014

Post-General Election Report

Filing deadline: December 4, 2014

Reporting period: October 24, 2014 thru November 24, 2014

January 31 Report

Filing deadline: January 31, 2016

Reporting period: November 25, 2014 thru December 31, 2015



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